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GUEST - Senator Joseph Clark - Democrat of Pennsylvania

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REPORTER: "Senator, recently a gentlemen lost a libel suit against the CIA and they said, the court I believe, that the CIA could say anything they wanted to, in fact in --- when they were protecting our National Security Senator, - has the CIA. - is it about the law now, is that what they are telling us?"

SENATOR CLARK: "I'll answer your question indirectly by saying in my judgement there are three major threats to the successful survival of American Democracy, and the first is the Military Industrial Complex which General Eisenhower warned us against which is evidenced in very high quarters by our strong support of military regimes in various parts of the world and by the enormous impacts which the Military and their Industrial partners exercise over public opinion -- the effect they have on members of Congress and of the Senate.

The second danger is the CIA, an intelligence agency, which we got to have, which practically every other nation has, which I think in our country has achieved a position of power pretty close to the danger line.

The third as evidenced by recent disclosure in the newspapers is the FBI and the threat they post to depravity of the individual citizen and the further threat they pose by way of blackmail, direct or indirect, on anybody who has the affrontery to say anything unkind about Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.